# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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Medical Research
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is lack of appropriate facilities for conducting research, motivation and knowledge on the part of faculty and students in various Medical Colleges for conducting research;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the standard of papers published/ research projects undertaken by the students of post-graduate courses/PhD in most of the Medical colleges are not inspiring; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to promote and encourage quality medical research in the country and to provide adequate assistance to the medical colleges to set up appropriate research facilities?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)
(a) to (d): Yes. The facilities for research in Medical Colleges needs to be strengthened. The Department of Health Research initiated a scheme titled Establishment of Multi-disciplinary Research Units in Medical Colleges across the country to build up infrastructure facilities for conducting research. This scheme has been approved to establish 80 Multidisciplinary Research Units (MRUs) in State Govt. Medical Colleges during 12th plan period.
Objectives of the scheme are:
i. Encourage and strengthen an environment of research in medical colleges.
ii. Bridge the gap in the infrastructure which inhibits health research in the Medical Colleges by assisting them to establish multidisciplinary research facilities with a view to improve the health research and health services.
iii. To ensure the geographical spread of health research infrastructure, in order to cover un-served and under-served Medical Colleges and other institutions
iv. To improve the overall health status of the population by creating evidence-based application of diagnostic procedures/processes/methods.
So far 52 number of MRUs have been sanctioned across the country.
The papers published /research projects undertaken by the students of post-graduate courses/PhD are well above standard and many of the publications feature in the international journals. The Department of Health Research has taken steps to augment the research infrastructure and to promote quality research papers as per the above scheme titled Establishment of Multi- disciplinary Research Units.